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(57) Abstract: A process for the manufacture of alkyl N-alkoxalyl-alaninates of the formula alkylO-CO-CO-NH-CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-CO-Oalkyl comprises reacting alanine with a dialkyl oxalate under substantially non-acidic conditions, which may be created by carrying out the reaction in the presence of a base. The reaction may furthermore be carried out in the presence of added alkanol, preferably one featuring the alkyl group corresponding to that of the employed dialkyl oxalate. The monoesters N-alkoxalyl-alanine of the formula alkylO-CO-CO-NH-CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-COOH, which as intermediates in the process can be isolated therefrom, are novel and as such are also an object of the present invention. The alkyl N-alkoxalylalaninates are useful intermediates in the multistep process for the manufacture of vitamin B<sub>6</sub>.

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